

HISTORY OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

By PAULINE S. NUSBAUMER, *Secretary*

The following may be of *Historical* interest: Minutes of the Alameda County Medical Society, August, 1860.

San Leandro, Alameda County, August 18, 1860.

At a meeting of physicians of Alameda County held at the Court House, San Leandro, August 18, at 2 o'clock p. m., there were present Drs. Haile, H. Gibbons, Green, Randall, Coleman, Newcomb, and Worthington.

On motion of Dr. Gibbons, Dr. Haile of Alameda was chosen temporary chairman and Dr. Worthington of Oakland temporary secretary of the meeting.

Dr. Newcomb then moved "that we now proceed to organize a county medical society," which motion was carried. Dr. Newcomb moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair who shall draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the government and regulation of this society, and report same at next meeting. Carried. Whereupon the Chair appointed Drs. Newcomb, Gibbons and Worthington as said committee. After some discussion in regard to credentials and qualifications for membership, Gibbons moved "that when we adjourn, we do so to meet at this place for the purpose of permanent organization and examination of credentials for membership. Carried. Gibbons then moved that when we adjourn, we do so to meet at this place on Saturday next (25) at 2 p. m. Carried. Randall moved that secretary be requested to inform other physicians of the county, *not now* present, of the next meeting. Carried.

The chairman then declared this meeting adjourned.

(Signed) R. WORTHINGTON,
Secretary pro tem.

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HISTORY OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

By T. C. EDWARDS

Forty years ago there were but nine physicians in Monterey County outside of Monterey City. One of these kept a drug store and did not engage in the practice of his profession. Another was the "county doctor" and did little outside work. Of the others, two were located in Salinas, one in Gonzales, and one in Soledad, while there was none between Soledad and the San Luis Obispo County line. At this time there is no record so far as known of more than four or five practicing physicians at Monterey. Twenty years later there were nine in Salinas, seven in Monterey, thirteen in Pacific Grove, one at Gonzales, and two each at Soledad and King City, one in San Lucas, and one in Bradley, making thirty-six in all.

Some twenty-five years ago the physicians of Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties, organized what was called the Tri-County Medical Society. "Our own" Saxton Pope and his "Better Half" or Dr. Emma, as we familiarly called her, were shining lights in this society. The meetings were held alternately in the different counties, and were well attended, good papers were read, and an active interest was maintained. About this time, Dr. McCormick came out from Kentucky, under the auspices of the American Medical Association, and preached the novel doctrine of good fellowship, harmony, and co-operation among the members of the medical profession. To his efforts, coupled with the very able and active help of Dr. Jones, we may attribute much of the present strength and activity of the California Medical Association.

Following quickly on the heels of this campaign for common sense and common courtesy, Philip Mills Jones used his good offices, to the end that a county society was organized here and the following were the first officers, viz.: President, John Parker, M. D., Salinas; vice-president, E. K. Abbott, M. D., Monterey; secretary, N. E. Richardson, M. D., Salinas; treasurer, Doris Brumwell, M. D., King City. Censors: Drs. E. J. Rankin, Gonzales; H. B. Christensen, Salinas; and A. M. Ritchie, King City. Alternate: Dr. T. C. Edwards, Salinas; second alternate: N. E. Richardson, M. D., Salinas. Now there are thirty-six physicians in the county and twenty-two members of the County Medical Society.

The meetings of the Monterey County Medical Society are well attended, considering the distance over which

the twenty-two members are scattered, and the long drives required to attend. We have recently listened to some very interesting and helpful papers from our colleagues in San Francisco who have been kind enough to give us their time. At our last meeting in April, W. M. Gratiot of Monterey presented a most interesting and enlightening paper on "Cancer," which was discussed by the other members of the society.

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HISTORY OF THE SHASTA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

By C. A. MUELLER, *Secretary*

The Shasta County Medical Society was organized by a representative of the State Medical Society, on September 20, 1903. A committee on organization was appointed to select a constitution and by-laws in conformity with the constitution and by-laws of the medical society of the state of California.

The original membership of Shasta County Medical Society was: O. J. Lawry, president; J. M. Read, vice-president; R. F. Wallace, secretary. C. W. Harper, treasurer; B. E. Stevenson, C. W. Bryant, L. J. Tabler, trustees; A. B. Gilliland, J. M. Read, C. W. Bryant, executive committee. Other members: E. H. Pitts, M. D. Pratt, D. B. Fields, J. E. Taylor, J. H. Foothill, Thomas J. Edgcomb, T. H. Shanks.

COUNTY NEWS

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members—Alameda County—Omer R. Etter, E. Geoffrey Smith, Charles C. Boericke, Oakland.

Contra Costa County—Rosa A. Powell, Richmond.

Fresno County—Oliver P. Pisor, Monmouth.

Imperial County—Philip Hodgkin, El Centro; Alfred L. Heck, William T. Talbott, Brawley; Ralph M. Smith, Calexico.

Los Angeles County—Henry S. Keyes, William Noble Carter, Walter Christensen, A. E. Hoffman, George S. Kalichman, William P. Kroger, William C. Lucas, W. F. McCool, John P. Mortensen, Newton M. Otis, Emmet A. Pearson, David R. Robbins, Emmason A. Rose, William Benbow Thompson, John G. Turley, Calvin B. Witter, William A. Key, Los Angeles; William Cole, Suttin H. Groff, Charles S. Means, Long Beach; William Edler, Pasadena; Archibald C. Weaver, Santa Monica.

Mendocino County—R. O. Le Baron, Talmage; Royal Scudder, Fort Bragg.

Orange County—John D. Ball, J. Muncey Bulpitt, Z. N. Bulpitt, Franklin H. Gobar, M. L. Pindell, Santa Ana; G. I. Sellon, Fullerton.

Riverside County—Leslie J. Clark, Hemet.

Sacramento County—Herbert S. Burden, Richard Gray Soutar, Sacramento.

San Benito County—Lloyd E. Smith, Hollister.

San Bernardino County—Gordon I. Reynolds, Carl Williams, Ethel H. Williams, Loma Linda.

San Diego County—C. E. Strite, La Mesa; Donald K. Woods, Frederick L. Schwartz, San Diego.

San Francisco County—Norman N. Epstein, D. G. Macpherson, San Francisco.

San Joaquin County—James F. Doughty, John A. Smither, G. L. La Berge, Tracy; C. A. Broaddus, Fred Ford, Stockton.

San Luis Obispo County—Paul K. Jackson.

Santa Clara County—Dudley Fagerstrom, San Jose; Louis Mendelssohn, Saratoga.

Santa Cruz County—Harold J. Beaver, Santa Cruz.

Siskiyou County—Joseph D. Mahan, Fort Jones.

Sonoma County—H. K. Wilson, Healdsburg; John L. Spear, Lyde H. Bernard, P. S. Quarry, Santa Rosa; G. W. Burgess, Guerneville.

Yolo County—E. Eric Larson, Walter J. Spencer, Woodland.

Transferred Members—Richard G. Scribner, from Yuba-Sutter County to Sacramento County; Frank H. Paterson, from Santa Clara County to Orange County; John C. Hethcock, from Orange County to Santa Cruz County; Emil Windmueller, from Los Angeles County to Sacramento County; Emil L. Cottrell, from Humboldt County to Santa Clara County.

Resigned—Susan J. Fenton, Oakland; Joseph Fife,